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SUMMARY: CDS VICE PRESIDENT AMARO DA COSTA SAID CDS
AND PPD HAD DECLINED SOARES REQUEST TO SPEED ASSEMBLY
APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM. COSTA SAW NO DIFFICULTY
IN ASSEMBLY APPROVAL, BUT STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE
"UNACCEPTABLE" FOR THE SOCIALISTS (PS) TO SEEK COMMUNIST (PCP)
COOPERATION EVEN ON RULES QUESTIONS. QUICK ASSEMBLY PASSAGE
OF THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WOULD BE WELCOME NEWS SINCE THE
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS ARE DRIFTING OUT OF
TOWN. END SUMMARY.

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1. CDS VIEWS: IN JULY 13 MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN STUDDS AND EMBOFF, CDS VICE PRESIDENT AMARO DA COSTA MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- TIMING OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM: CDS PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS REFUSED TO ACCEPT PS LEADER MARIO SOARES'S REQUEST TO SPEED APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM. ASSEMBLY RULES PROVIDE THREE DAYS FOR STUDY OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM PRIOR TO FIVE DAYS OF ASSEMBLY DEBATE PROVIDED BY CONSTITUTION. SOARES WISHED TO SPEED UP PROCESS TO REDUCE EXPECTED PRESSURES ON PROGRAM FROM INTERSINDICAL AND OTHERS. PPD HAS ALSO REFUSED SOARES'S REQUEST. COSTA STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE "UNACCEPTABLE" IN TERMS OF FUTURE COOPERATION FOR THE PS TO SEEK PCP SUPPORT, EVEN ON A RULES QUESTION.

-- PROSPECTS FOR PS GOVERNMENT: COSTA WAS PREDICTABLY NEGATIVE ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL PS MINORITY GOVERNMENT, CLAIMING PS LACKED THE CONFIDENCE AND THE COMPETENCE TO TAKE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC MEASURES. PS PROGRAM, HOWEVER, WILL ACHIEVE EASY ACCEPTANCE IN THE ASSEMBLY.

-- KAULZA: COSTA SAID GEN KAULZA DE ARRIAGA IS A DANGEROUS THREAT ON THE FAR RIGHT (REFTELS). KAULZA IS NOT WILLING TO FORM HIS OWN PARTY ON THE FAR RIGHT, NOR TO WORK WITH OTHER CONSERVATIVE PARTIES. CDS WILL ISSUE A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE "UNDEMOCRATIC" MOVEMENT KAULZA IS FORMING.

-- AZORES: "THE AZOREAN CDS IS SO FAR RIGHT IT BELONGS ON ATLANTIS." CDS STRATEGY OF ARGUING FOR A PPD/CDS COALITION IN THE AZORES AND MADEIRA WAS A DISASTER. THE TWO CDS DEPUTIES ELECTED TO THE AZOREAN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ARE WEAK SPOKESMEN. THE AZOREAN LIBERATION FRONT (FLA) HAS VIRTUALLY DISAPPEARED; THE SEPARATIST MOVEMENT IS NOW BEING INFILTRATED BY COMMUNISTS.

-- PRESIDENCY: EANES CALLED IN CDS LEADERS JULY 9 TO ASSURE THEM HE WAS NOT BEHOLDEN TO ANY PARTY. EANES SAID HE WOULD CRITICIZE CDS MISTAKES, AND ASKED CDS TO CRITICIZE HIM AS WELL.

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2. COSTA GOMES - SAME OLD PITCH: IN FAREWELL INTERVIEW WITH "LE MONDE," THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT CALLED FOR THE "BROADEST COALITION POSSIBLE" (READ TO INCLUDE THE PCP) IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE UNPOPULAR MEASURES AHEAD.

3. EXPLOSION NEAR LISBON: SEVERAL EXPLOSIVE CHARGES JULY 14 DESTROYED THREE HIGH TENSION TOWERS IN ALVERCA, TWENTY MILES NORTH OF LISBON. NO INJURIES. NO CONNECTION WITH US REPAIR FACILITY

AT ALVERCA.

4. COMMENT: WHETHER SOARES SUCCEEDS IN SPEEDING UP THE
ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE OR NOT, THE ANTICIPATED QUICK PASSAGE OF
THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM AND INSTALLATION OF A DEFINITIVE
GOVERNMENT IS WELCOME NEWS.

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